

REMARKS

Claims 1-25 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 4, 5 and 7-11 are amended for form, and new claims 12-25 are added. Support for new claims 12-25 can be found in original claims 4, 5 and 7-11 and in the specification, for example, at page 5, lines 20-30. Thus, no new matter is added.

The courtesies extended to Applicant's representative by Examiners Demeree and Newhouse at the interview held June 10, 2008, are appreciated. The reasons presented at the interview as warranting favorable action are incorporated into the remarks below, which constitute Applicant's record of the interview.

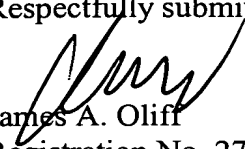
During the personal interview, the 35 U.S.C. §102(b) rejection of claims 1-4 and 6-8 and the 35 U.S.C. §103(a) rejection of 5 and 9-11 over WO 01/15977 A2 to Schou ("Schou") were discussed.

As agreed to during the June 10, 2008 personal interview, Schou does not teach or suggest wherein the first coating is selected from among the group consisting of water-based and hardenable setting/varnish and the second coating is a paraffin coating, as recited in independent claim 1. Thus, Applicant respectfully asserts that the rejections of claim 1, and claims 2-11 depending therefrom, over Schou, are moot. Withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

In view of the May 20, 2008 Amendment and the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the claims are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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